

# Canterbury Golf Newsletter

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## Golf Development in Canterbury

Supported by The Caversham Foundation, Eureka Trust, and The Southern Trust the Canterbury Golf Association will implement several Golf Development Programmes over the coming months.

### Junior Development

Buoyed by a 7% increase in the number of junior golfers playing golf in Canterbury the CGA is proud to announce a new Junior Development Programme. The Programme will involve a total of 100 Canterbury boys and girls who will be selected into one of 10 squads, each squad to be assigned a local NZPGA Golf Professional. The coaching programme will focus on the basic fundamentals of golf providing participants with a platform for future achievement. It is envisioned the programme will over time increase player depth at both a club and provincial level. The CGA is currently calling for junior nominations with the programme scheduled to commence at the end of October.

### "Give Golf a Go"

Due to the success of "Give Golf a Go" in its first year the CGA will now offer participating clubs the opportunity to implement follow up coaching sessions on top of the initial "Give Golf a Go" promotion. It is planned the extra coaching will increase member retention with clubs offering new members a structured support system. The CGA will also implement a new week long "Give Golf a Go" Expo which will specifically target year 9 and 10 secondary school students. Canterbury Clubs will have the opportunity to attend the expo and promote junior memberships and development programmes to participating students.

## Russley Win Woodward Cup

Russley became the 2006 Woodward Cup Champions after beating surprise finalists Coringa 4 1/2 to 3 1/2 at the Waitikiri Golf Club. Russley easily reached the final after comfortably disposing of semi final opponents Christchurch 6 1/2 to 1 1/2. It was the semi final between Coringa and defending champion North Canterbury that provided the most drama. Needing a play-off to decide the winner, Mike Roulston (Coringa) defeated Canterbury representative Matt Adam on the first extra hole. The final between Coringa and Russley was a close affair but it was the experience of Russley that proved the difference in the end. David Rattray (pictured right) formed the backbone of the Russley side finishing the competition with 8 wins and one half.



**Canterbury Manager  
Rohan Welsh**



Rohan Welsh (Team Manager) believes Canterbury has the players to win this year's Lion Foundation Interprovincial to be played at Levels Golf Club (Timaru) December 5 – 9. Canterbury's 2<sup>nd</sup> place finish at the SBS Invitational earlier in the year showed our players can foot it with any province in the country.

**Representative Season Preview**

The representative matchplay season gets under way with the South Island Interprovincial to be played at the Levels Golf Club (Timaru) October 7-8. The Canterbury Senior Team will be aiming for a solid tournament as they build towards the Lion Foundation Tournament to be played on the same golf course in December. Canterbury regulars David Rattray, Andrew Searle, and Brad Stuart once again form the nucleolus of the team which also sees the inclusion of several talented youngsters in Dean Harvey, Dean Cameron, and Willie Moore. The CGA has introduced two 36 hole matchplay trials in 2006. These trials will allow selectors to organise match ups and watch players play under matchplay specific pressure. The team for the Quadrangular Tournament to be played in Nelson October 28/29 will be named after the first matchplay trial to be played at Christchurch Golf Club 22 October. The trial will also include 8 Masters player's in preparation for the Freyberg Masters.

**South Island Interprovincial**

The Canterbury Senior Team to contest the South Island Interprovincial in Timaru 7/8 October is as follows (In playing Order):

1. Andrew Searle
2. Brad Stuart
3. David Rattray
4. Matt Adam
5. Willie Moore
6. Nic Fry
7. Dean Cameron
8. Dean Harvey

Wider Squad includes:

- Andrew Dufton
- Michael Roulston
- Richard Bath
- Jay Davies

**New Website proves a Winner:**

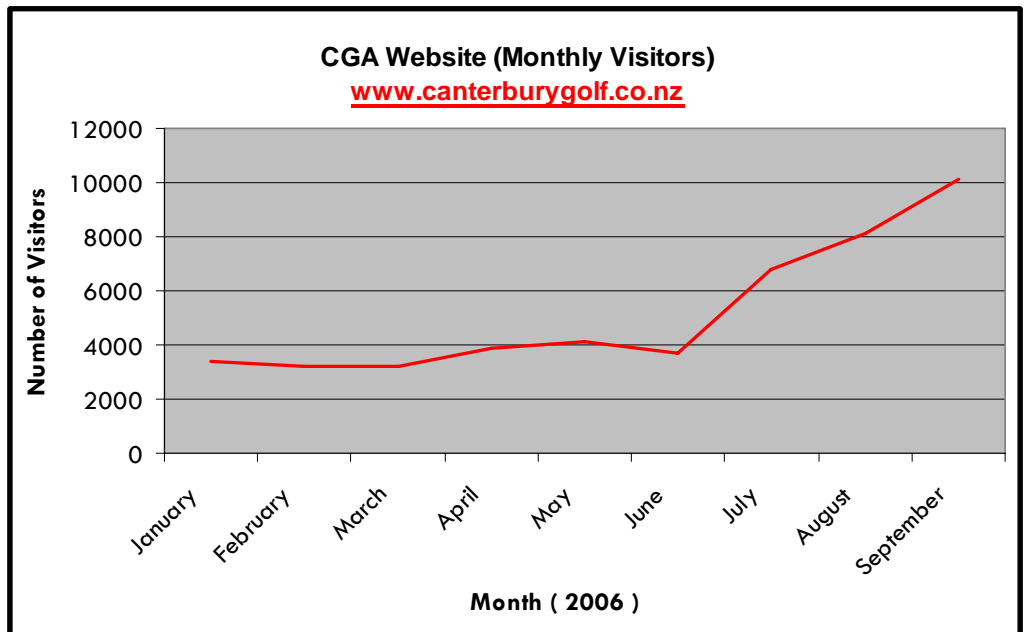
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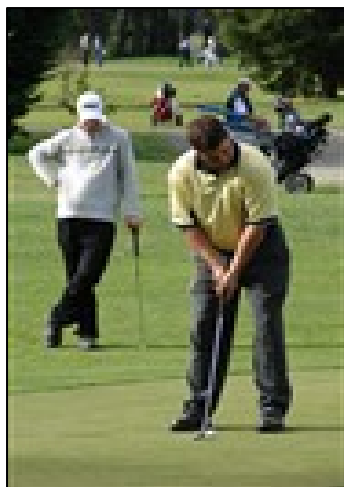
To complement the Canterbury Golf Website the CGA is proud to announce Fuji Xerox has agreed to sponsor the Canterbury Golf Newsletter. This will enable the CGA to distribute 2,500 Newsletters to Canterbury Golf Clubs every issue.

**[www.canterburygolf.co.nz](http://www.canterburygolf.co.nz)**

The new Canterbury Golf Website continues to attract new visitors with a total of 10,114 people logging onto the site in the month of September (refer to graph below). The CGA is committed to maintaining a high level of service to its members via the website by ensuring it is kept up-to-date with relevant and informative information. We invite the golfers of Canterbury to visit the site which has everything you need to know about Canterbury Golf including; local golf stories, interclub draws and results, tournament information, local club details, and a new Notice Board which will display everything from Situations Vacant to upcoming Club Jubilees.



**Searle Wins Inaugural  
CGA Tour Q-School:**



Andrew Searle (Russley) putts out at Ellesmere in blustery conditions on his way to winning the CGA Tour Qualifying School and 95,000 Order of Merit Points with scores of 71 and 75 (146). Other players gaining CGA Tour Membership included; Brad Clark, Richard Bath, Grant Guerin, Andrew Dufton, Michael Hawker, Nic Kay, John Bae, Willie Moore, and Brad Stuart. Todd Gantley (injury) and Richard Anderson (work commitments) were unable to accept CGA Tour membership.

**Local Companies Supporting  
Golf in Canterbury:**

In 2006 there has been a significant increase in the number of local companies sponsoring and supporting golf in Canterbury. Canterbury Golf Sponsors now include Heller Tasty Limited, Abbott Insurance Limited, Dorchester Finance Limited, Saunders Robinson Lawyers, Papanui Press Limited, Express Cargo Limited, International Golf Qualifications Limited, The Christchurch Casino, and PGF Golf. The CGA is fortunate to have the support of these well known & respected companies.

**From the Committee**

**Amalgamation**

The Canterbury Golf Association and Canterbury Women have made significant progress towards the goal of amalgamation in recent months. This progress will see Canterbury Clubs receive the final draft constitution in mid October. Each member club will have an opportunity to comment on the draft constitution in the form of a formal submission. The CGA would like to acknowledge and thank Canterbury Women, North Canterbury, and Central Canterbury for the positive contribution their organisations have made throughout the amalgamation process.

**Interclub Review**

With the completion of the 2006 Woodward Cup the CGA has formed an Interclub Review Sub Committee to evaluate the competition and the new format used in 2006. Canterbury Clubs and interested parties will be kept fully informed throughout the process and will be given the opportunity to make formal submissions.

**Tour News**

The CGA Tour has proved an outstanding success with a variety of players responding to the new format. At the completion of the Shirley Open Andrew Searle (Russley) lead the CGA Tour Oder of Merit with a total of 552,500 points. David Rattray who missed both the Town & Country and Shirley Open's hangs onto second place with 491,259 points. The season is heating up with a player's points total at the completion of the next CGA Tour event, the Canterbury 4BBB Championship, determining CGA Tour membership status for the second half of the season. The top 10 players on the Order of Merit at the completion of the Canterbury 4BBB Championship will retain/earn CGA Tour Membership. The CGA Satellite Tour recently got underway with the Greendale Open which was won by Hayden Burns (Avondale) on a score of 146. The CGA Satellite Tour has been modeled after the US Nationwide Tour to provide an arena for juniors and developing players to gain experience and develop the skills needed to compete at a higher level. The LCGA Tour also administered by the CGA has proved a hit with Canterbury's top female golfers. The recent Templeton Open won by Dana Kim (Christchurch) attracted the largest field seen in years.

**CGA Tour Player Targets the Professional Ranks**

Top ranked Canterbury representative and CGA Tour Member John Bae (Waitikiri) has confirmed he will be entering the Asian and Australasian PGA Qualifying Schools in an attempt to become a Tournament Professional. The Canterbury Golf Association thanks John for the contribution he has made to Canterbury Golf and wishes him the very best in his pursuit to join the Professional ranks.

CGA Tour Order of Meirt (at 2 Oct 2006)			
Rank	Player	Club	Points
1	Andrew Searle	Russley	552,500
2	David Rattray	Russley	491,250
3	Willie Moore	Windsor	435,000
4	Dean Cameron	Amberley	429,375
5	John Bae	Waitikiri	426,250
6	Tom Prowse	Yarra Yarra	380,000
7	James Song	Templeton	332,500
8	Matt Adam	Kaiapoi	313,750
9	Brad Stuart	Windsor	312,500
10	Sam Ma	Christchurch	262,500

## Results & Upcoming Events

### **Canterbury vs. Aorangi**

<b>Seniors:</b>	Canterbury	16 ½ - 7 ½
<b>Masters:</b>	Halved	6 - 6
<b>Under 19:</b>	Canterbury	8 - 0
<b>Under 16:</b>	Halved	6 - 6

### **Canterbury Junior Foursomes**

Waimairi Beach Blue 69, 79, 80, 82 = 310

### **Woodward Cup (Waitikiri)**

Russley defeated Coringa 4 ½ - 3 ½

### **CGA Tour Qualifying School (Ellesmere)**

Andrew Searle 71, 75 = 146

### **Rangiora Open (Rangiora)**

Dean Cameron 72, 72 = 144

### **Templeton Open (Templeton)**

David Rattray 69, 70 = 139

### **Town & Country Open (Terrace Downs/Coringa)**

James Song 79, 72, 74 = 225

### **Shirley Open (Christchurch)**

Tom Prowse 73, 70, 69, 75 = 287

### **Sharpies Junior Event (Kaiapoi, Rangiora, Windsor)**

Under 19	Brandon Lord = 219
Under 16	Nathan Andrews = 235
Under 14	Andrew Namkoong = 249
Girls	Jenny Sim = 224

### **Upcoming Events:**

- South Island Interprovincial  
7/8 October, Timaru
- Quadrangular Tournament  
28/29 October, Nelson
- Canterbury Matchplay Trial  
22 October, Christchurch
- Canterbury Mixed Foursomes  
23 October, Rangiora
- Blank Cup/Simon Cup Finals  
5 November, Waimairi Beach
- Canterbury Matchplay Trial  
12 November, Levels Golf Club (Timaru)
- Canterbury Age Group Championship  
12 November, Coringa
- Freyberg Masters Interprovincial  
5/9 November, Fielding

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